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## Kiwanis Club of Brantford Newsletter October 26, 2023

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### **A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from and about THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD**

Meeting at the Best Western Brantford Hotel & Conference Centre:  
Every Thursday at 12:00 noon

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Current Membership – 48



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#### E.C. & C. District

##### *Governor*

John Chave

KC of Barrie

##### *Governor Elect*

Pamela Rodney White

KC of Constant Spring

##### *Vice Governor*

Cynthina Blackman

KC of Pride of Barbados

##### *Immediate Past Governor*

Anthony Haile

### **PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 26, 2023**

We welcome Halloween early with festivities related to the spooky festival. Remember to dress accordingly! Witches, ghouls and clowns are all welcome! Hold on to your hats and be prepared to be properly spooked.

### **HEAD TABLE**

Vice President Maureen Henry, Funmaster Randy MacKenzie, Introducer Joanne Murray, Thanker Leo Vos.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, November 2: Greg Evans, Chamber of Commerce

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KC of Curacao

*Secretary/Treasurer*

Jim Steele

KC of Brantford

*Division Lt. Governor*

David MacLennan

KC of Stratford

Club Officers

*President*

Alfred Hauk

*Past President*

David Lewis

*President-Elect*

Nancy Thompson

*Treasurer*

Jim Steele

*Secretary*

Bob MacLean

Club Directors

*2 Year Term*

Randy MacKenzie

Leo Vos

Bob Wade

*1 Year Term*

Stuart Parkinson

Graham Schram

Nancy Sherritt

Thursday, November 9: JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education, GEDSB

Thursday, November 16: Sara Wardell, Program Manager of CICE at Conestoga

Thursday, November 23: Results of Staples Fundraising Effort

Thursday, November 30: Erica James, Hope's Closet

Thursday, December 7: Glenn Brown, Manager of Sanderson Centre

Thursday, December 14: Natalie Michlewicz, Big Brothers & Big Sisters

Thursday, December 21: Kiwanis Christmas Party!

## **DIVISION 5 COUNCIL MEETING - CHANGE OF DATE**

The date of the first Divisional Council Meeting of the new Kiwanis year has been changed from October 28 to Saturday, November 4th. It will be held at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Avenue, Stratford. Coffee – 9:00 a.m. Start time – 9:30 a.m. Lunch – 12:00 noon. \$5.00 per person for coffee only. \$20.00 for coffee and lunch. ALL MEMBERS of Division 5 are welcome to attend.

## **KIWANIS TRIVIA CHALLENGE**

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Best Western Brantford Hotel. Entry Fee \$25.00. Hope to see you there!

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Eardly Judah will celebrate his birthday on November 3rd. Happy Birthday Kiwanian Eardly!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Angee & Jim Turnbull will celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 2nd. Congratulations!

## **ANNIVERSARIES OF DATE JOINED**

David Neumann first joined Kiwanis on November 1, 1990!

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## **EDUCATIONAL SPOT**

English is the official language of Kiwanis International. However, key administrative and

program literature is published in up to 13 additional languages, and simultaneous translation is provided at International conventions when required by a sufficient number of members.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The best portion of a good man's life – his little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love. ~William Wordsworth ~

## **To view what happened at last week's meeting, please page down**

### **Last Week's Meeting Highlights**



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## Highlights of the Thursday, 19 October, 2023 Weekly Meeting

President Alf called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m welcoming all members and Guests: Mathew MacKenzie, Hug and Joyce Morris and our Guest Speaker Anca Gaston.

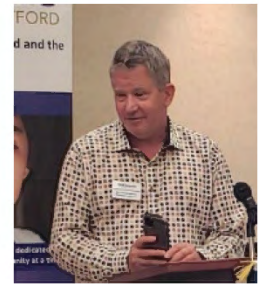


Kiwanian Phil emceed the 50/50 Draw. There were 14 Cards left in the deck today and four potential winning tickets were drawn. The 1<sup>st</sup> Ticket holder was Joyce Morris who found the Joker and won the pot. Congratulations Joyce and Alex Morris. The pot starts anew next week.



Kiwanian Ken McNaughton was today's Funmaster who said that he has a fun "food-quest", where he is looking for the "Best Hot dog in the World" and asked the members if they had a similar "food-quest" they would like to share. Kiwanian Ross said the Best Hot dog was at Fenwick Park, Kiwanian Phil is looking for the best Beer, Kiwanian Dave is looking for the best Coffee avec Drambuie, etc.

Ken announced and helped us celebrate Crystal Godwaldt's Birthday on 24<sup>th</sup> October and Alex Morris's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining our Club on 25<sup>th</sup> October.



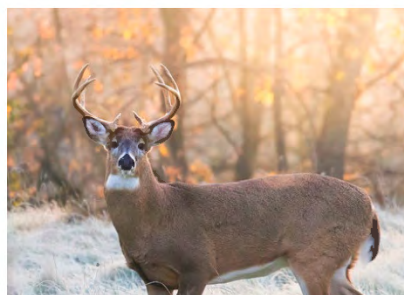
Maureen Henry was up next, and introduced our Guest speaker Anca Gaston, award-winning photographer, who will share some of her breathtaking photographs of local wildlife and astrophotography.



Anca Gaston indicated that she would be giving us an "Introduction to Nature Photography". She suggested that many things are required to be a successful photographer. Although good equipment is very important, she stressed the need for a good technical understanding for the environment, the subject, time of day, habits of the specific wild life, perseverance and an ability to be in the right place at the right time. She said to get a perfect picture, can be very time consuming and sometimes hazardous.



Anca's photographic journey began in her early teens with her first subjects including snails, pets, flowers and family members who patiently posed for portrait sessions. Her photography continues to be shaped and inspired by nature and the beauty that surrounds us. Anca adds, "In my opinion, Brantford's natural spaces – its



trails and the Grand River – are its greatest assets. The Grand River attracts many species of birds from Bald Eagles to migratory birds such as ducks and shorebirds. Most of my photos are taken around the Wilkes Dam area or in Brant Park."



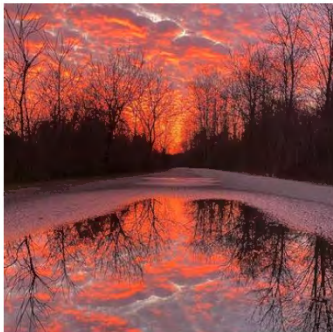
Through her photos, she aims to capture the personality and essence of the wildlife around us by showcasing the beauty of all birds or animals, whether that be a chickadee, squirrel or a rarer species. Her

hope is to encourage a greater appreciation of the natural world and motivate people to preserve habitat. While on location it is important to not disturb her subjects. She uses a 300mm telephoto lens to photograph wildlife, which allows her to zoom in and capture faraway subjects such as deer or tiny birds. One of her top tools of the trade, this lens is lightweight and allows her to hike and do most of her photography handheld.



When asked who inspires her artist pursuits, Anca credits numerous books, websites and videos. She also notes that she has received instruction from two local photographers including Jorj Takacs and Paul Roedding. When it comes to astrophotography, Mike Kukucska from Hamilton inspired Anca to purchase a wide-angle lens and try her own hand at this genre.

When asked what tips she has for developing artists, Anca says “Take LOTS of photos. I will sometimes take 600 photos during an outing if I am doing a serious bird shoot. Taking this many photos increases the chances that you will capture that one very special photo where the



bird or animal is really showing off its personality or looking right at the camera. Secondly, try to photograph the animal at eye level. This means sometimes getting down on the ground or crouching so that you are not looking down towards the animal.” Anca explained that, not only is this an extremely rewarding hobby, it can also help one to better connect oneself with their surroundings/environment and see things from a new perspective.



At the end of her presentation she was pleased to answer many of our members questions during a brief Q & A session but stayed well after the end of our meeting for more questions and conversations.



Anca had samples of various items at the rear table of the meeting such as Nature Calendars, Photography & Mixed Media, Stained Glass, Pottery, Painting & Sketching, etc. These items and many more can be seen online at the website [www.kindredspiritsartisans.ca](http://www.kindredspiritsartisans.ca). You can also contact Anca by Email at: [www.kindredspiritsartisans.ca](http://www.kindredspiritsartisans.ca)

PP Randy formally thanked Anca for a very interesting and educational presentation.

President Alfred return to the lecturn and also thanked Anaca for her presentation.

### Committee Reports and Announcements:

President Alf called up DST Jim Steele, who congratulated Joan Griffin for being the Top Sales person for the Dinner for Two tickets for this year.

President Alf reminded all members of the Social Committee that they had a meeting immediately after this weekly meeting ended.

Final Thought for the Day: "Don't feel bad about not visiting an old friend, just be there for them when they need you."

Candid pictures of our meeting follow.

